

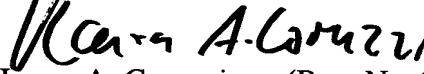
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APPENDIX A
MARKED-UP COPY OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-11, and 14-15.

Please amend the claims as follows:

12. (Amended) A kit for [performing the method according to Claim 4] detecting the causative agent of spontaneous abortion, comprising a probe antibody directed to an AAV antigen in a suitable container.

13. (Amended) The kit [according to] of Claim 12, wherein [the] said probe antibody is AI [(DSM) as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2195[, deposited on 13.10.1994)], A20 [(DSM) as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2194[, deposited on 13.10.1994)], A69 [(DSM) as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2196[, deposited on 13.10.1994 and/or] or B1 [(DSM) as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2197[, deposited on 13.10.1994])].

16. (Amended) [Antibody] An antibody directed [to] against an AAV antigen.

17. (Amended) [Antibody according to] The antibody of Claim 16, wherein [the] said antibody is directed [to] against an AAV capsid or a protein thereof.

18. (Amended) [Antibody according to] The antibody of Claim 17, wherein [the] said antibody is AI [(DSM) as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2195[, deposited on 13.10.1994)].

19. (Amended) [Antibody according to] The antibody of Claim 17, wherein [the] said antibody is A20 [(DSM) as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2194[, deposited on 13.10.1994)].

20. (Amended) [Antibody according to] The antibody of Claim 17, wherein [the] said antibody is A69 [(DSM) as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2196[, deposited on 13.10.1994)].

21. (Amended) [Antibody according to] The antibody of Claim 17,
wherein [the] said antibody is B1 [(DSM] as deposited with DSM under deposit number
ACC2197[, deposited on 13.10.1994)].

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12. (Amended) A kit for detecting the causative agent of spontaneous abortion, comprising a probe antibody directed to an AAV antigen in a suitable container.

13. (Amended) The kit of Claim 12, wherein said probe antibody is A1 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2195, A20 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2194, A69 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2196 or B1 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2197.

16. (Amended) An antibody directed against an AAV antigen.

17. (Amended) The antibody of Claim 16, wherein said antibody is directed against an AAV capsid or a protein thereof.

18. (Amended) The antibody of Claim 17, wherein said antibody is A1 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2195.

19. (Amended) The antibody of Claim 17, wherein said antibody is A20 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2194.

20. (Amended) The antibody of Claim 17, wherein said antibody is A69 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2196.

21. (Amended) The antibody of Claim 17, wherein said antibody is B1 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2197.